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**COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF  
POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION**

**Instructions:** Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the **Office of Public Records** in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE **OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING**

Name of Traveler: Anna Yelverton

Employing Office/Committee: Coons

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): African Parks, The Annenberg Foundation, The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnyslands ("Sunnyslands")

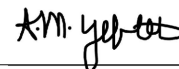
Travel Date(s): Mar 10-12, 2022

Description/Title of Attached Forms: Final version of the PSTCF, final version of the addendum to the PSTCF, final version of the itinerary

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): I did not receive final/amended versions of the itinerary and PSTCF/addendum that the trip sponsors submitted to the Ethics Committee. Those final versions are attached here.

May 30, 2023

(Date)



(Signature of Traveler)

**Private Sponsor Travel Form Attachment****Senator Chris Coons and Anna Yelverton, Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs- Coons****Rancho Mirage, CA****March 10-12, 2022**

**Co-Sponsors:** The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands ("Sunnylands"); African Parks;  
The Annenberg Foundation

**12.) Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:**

Sunnylands is partnering with African Parks, and The Annenberg Foundation on this convening, "Future of Africa's Protected Areas in Addressing the Climate and Biodiversity Crises." Note: The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands and the Annenberg Foundation are separate legal entities.

The role of each sponsor organization is as follows:

Sunnylands: providing the meeting venue and supplies, lodging, meals, administrative, and project management support.

African Parks: convening experts and leaders in conservation, crafting a robust and substantive meeting agenda, ensure this event results in meaningful progress toward creating actionable pathways for conservation of Africa's large landscapes.

The Annenberg Foundation: sponsor of the reception and dinner honoring African Parks that opens the event, contributing communications and PR services to amplify the global conservation work of African Parks.

**13.) Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:**

Sunnylands is a 501c3 non-profit established to address serious issues facing the nation and the world community by hosting solution-driven meetings at its historic estate in Rancho Mirage, CA. To combat climate change and biodiversity loss, two crises that affect all humans, Sunnylands is partnering on this important retreat that will address the critical global issue of global conservation and biodiversity protection.

African Parks a global non-profit conservation organization that focuses on the rehabilitation and long-term management of national parks and protected areas in partnership with governments and local communities.

In accordance with African Parks' mission, the objectives and outcomes of this convening are to:

- bring together thought leaders in conservation, global development, and philanthropy to explore pathways for conservation of Africa's large landscapes;
- amplify the role of Africa's protected areas in urgently addressing the global climate and biodiversity crises;
- identify opportunities and challenges to the funding mechanisms needed to scale effective protected area management in Africa and ensure the long-term financial sustainability of these efforts;
- produce a white paper capturing the key points of the discussions.

The Annenberg Foundation is a family foundation that provides funding and support to nonprofit organizations in the United States and globally. Contributing to greater conservation of the earth's land and biodiversity is party of the Annenberg Foundation's core work, as is improving public education in vital areas. The Foundation is committed to core values of responsiveness, accessibility, fairness, and involvement.

**14.) Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:**

Sunnylands has led dialogues where current and former members of congress have participated. In 2003, Sunnylands hosted a bipartisan discussion on California's future with 30 U.S. representatives and both California senators. Since then, several U.S. members of congress have attended receptions or activities at Sunnylands.

African Parks has not sponsored congressional events and activities. They have participated in activities with congress delegations hosted by the International Conservation Caucus Foundation.

The Annenberg Foundation has not sponsored congressional events or activities.

**15.) Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):**

Sunnylands is charged by its Declaration of Trust to bring together leaders and experts from around the globe to find solutions to some of the most pressing challenges facing our nation and the world. To this end, we host about ten high-level convenings a year focused on global cooperation, global health, and democratic and civic engagement.

African Parks' primary mission is to carry out on-the-ground conservation work. They occasionally host small gatherings to educate and update its supporters on its work and impact.

Since 1989, the Annenberg Foundation has addressed the critical issues of our time through innovation, community, compassion, and communication. Its philanthropic work spans the issues of conservation and the environment, homelessness, education, economic development, equitable technology, leadership and the wellbeing of the people of Los Angeles. The Foundation believes in funding organizations that have a deep level of community involvement, are led by effective leaders and tackle challenging and timely problems.

The Annenberg Foundation hosts many of its own events and educational seminars through its initiatives such as Grow @ Annenberg, Annenberg Learn, Annenberg Pet Space, and Wallis Annenberg GenSpace, among others.

## **16.) Explanation of Estimates**

### Meals

The figure listed on the private sponsor form for total meal expenses is \$211 total for two days.

#### Sunnylands Costs (March 11-12)

The figures below provide per day cost data for retreat catering at Sunnylands. The cost data provided illustrates an estimate of per person, per day catering costs based on experience from several previous convenings.

Breakfast: \$25 (x2)  
Lunch: \$33 (x2)  
Reception: \$15 (x1)  
Dinner: \$60 (x1)  
Beverage: \$10 (non-alcoholic) (x2)  
Total: \$211

## **21.) Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compare to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:**

Daily expenses for lodging, meals and other expenses exceed the maximum per diem rates. It is necessary for support staff for convening participants to stay at the nearby Omni Rancho Las Palmas Hotel and the rate secured by Sunnylands for this event. Support staff will all be provided the same meals at Sunnylands for the days of the convening in which their principal is participating.



**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM**  
**SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR**  
*(to be completed by each additional sponsor)*

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the March 10-12, 2022 trip  
to Rancho Mirage, CA *Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)* is true, complete, and correct.  
*Place of Travel*

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Toni Condon  
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THE ANNENBERG FOUNDATION TRUST  
AT SUNNYLANDS



**Sunnylands African Conservation Convening  
Thursday, March 10 - Saturday, March 12, 2022**

Goals:

- To bring together thought leaders in conservation, global development, and philanthropy to explore pathways for conservation of Africa's large landscapes.
- To amplify the role of Africa's protected areas in addressing the global climate and biodiversity crises, and the urgency of doing that now
- To identify opportunities and challenges to the funding mechanisms needed to scale effective protected area management in Africa and ensure the long-term financial sustainability of these efforts.
- Produce a brief white paper capturing the key points of the discussions.

**Thursday, March 10**

1:48 pm      **Anna Yelverton Wheels Down PSP**

AA2214 through DFW

3:00 pm      **Anna Yelverton Checks Into Omni Rancho Las Palmas Hotel**

Lodging      Omni Rancho Las Palmas  
Rancho Mirage, CA

**Friday, March 11**

8:00 – 8:45 am

**Breakfast***Upper Terrace, Main House*

8:40 – 9:00 am

**Group Photo***South Terrace Lawn, Main House*

9:00 – 9:15 am

**Welcome***Inwood Room, Main House**Welcome Remarks delivered by David Lane, President of the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands**Opening Remarks delivered by Prince Harry, President of African Parks*

9:15 – 9:30 am

**Introductions**

Review Day One Goals

Overview Activities and Logistics

*Barry Gold, Consultant, Rob & Melani Walton Foundation*

Key goals for Day 1 program are to explore the opportunities and challenges facing Africa's protected areas and identify key pathways for preserving Africa's most critical landscapes, which play a critical role in addressing the climate and biodiversity crisis and in supporting the safety and livelihoods of millions of people.

9:30 – 9:45 am

**Keynote Address***Carlos Manuel Rodriguez,  
CEO & Chairperson of the Global Environmental Facility  
(participating virtually)***The Role of Africa's Nature and Biodiversity in Tackling the Global Climate Crisis and Restoring Planetary Health**Objectives:

- Provide an overview of the role of Africa's nature in restoring global planetary health and why it is too big to fail
- Raise the sense of urgency about the accelerated pace of nature degradation in Africa

- Outline the shifts required to reverse the current trends and the need for collective action across sectors to enable them

9:45 - 10:00 am

### **Keynote Address**

*H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn Boshe, former President of Ethiopia and Chairman of the African Union*

### **Protecting, Managing and Restoring Nature in the Social, Political and Economic Context of Africa**

#### Objectives:

- Outline how to successfully protect, manage and restore nature and biodiversity in the current African context
- Articulate the benefits of fully delegated management of protected areas to ensure long-term impact and conservation-led development of surrounding communities
- Describe factors needed to convince African governments to engage in fully delegated management partnerships of their key protected areas

10:00 - 10:45 am

### **Facilitated Discussion**

*Facilitator: Barry Gold, Consultant, Rob & Melani Walton Foundation*

- Reactions/thoughts in response to the main themes of the two keynote addresses
- Share insights from your work that would support or contradict these themes

10:45 – 11:00 am

### **Break**

*South Terrace, Main House*

11:00 – 11:15 am

### **Keynote Address**

*Peter Fearnhead, CEO, African Parks*

### **Build the Foundation for Protecting, Managing and Restoring Nature and Biodiversity in Africa**

#### Objectives:

- Explain the African Parks theory of change for broader landscape-level regeneration of nature, building on the foundation of effective protected area management using the proven African Parks model

- Outline benefits for biodiversity, climate, and local communities
- Provide an overview of the African Parks 161 analysis\* and how it fits into the broader landscape of research conducted to date (i.e., ecoregions, irreversible carbon, strongholds, McKinsey valuing nature, etc.)
- Describe the funding needed, on a landscapes-basis, to effectively support the 92 at risk anchor areas in the coming decade

*\*African Parks 161 – African Parks conducted an analysis of the continent's more than 8000 protected areas, identifying 161 of which are of sufficient size and still relatively intact and, therefore, capable to being saved.*

11:15 – 12:00 pm **Facilitated Discussion**

*Facilitator: Barry Gold, Consultant, Rob & Melani Walton Foundation*

- Reactions/thoughts in response to the main themes of Peter's keynote address
- Share insights from your work that would support or contradict these themes

12:00 – 1:30 pm **Lunch and Networking**  
*Upper Terrace*

1:30 – 2:00 pm **Keynote Address with Q & A**

*U.S. Senator Chris Coons, Chairman Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, Member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and Co-Chair of the International Conservation Caucus*

**The Importance of Protecting Nature and Biodiversity for Africa's Future**

Objectives:

- Describe the importance of Africa with respect to global biodiversity and climate crises.
- Articulate the potential of conservation to support nature-positive development.
- Describe why the time is now to act and the potential of public private partnerships.

2:00 – 2:15 pm

**Break***South Terrace, Main House*

2:15 – 3:00 pm

**Panel Discussion**



*Peter Fearnhead, Hailemariam Dessalegn and Michael Fay, ecologist and conservationist*

Concrete examples of key strategies for the conservation of large landscapes:

- Effective protected area management as a driver for stability and security in fragile contexts (WAP Complex\*)
- The Eastern Central African Wilderness with Chinko as anchor as the largest functional tropical wilderness in Africa
- Safeguarding the continent's longest transboundary land-mammal migration between South Sudan and Ethiopia

*\*WAP Complex – A transboundary landscape spanning Benin, Niger and Burkina Faso that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and also the last stronghold for elephants and lions in West Africa.*

3:00 – 4:00 pm

### **Facilitated Discussion**

*Facilitator: Barry Gold, Consultant, Rob & Melani Walton Foundation*

### **Exploring Pathways for Large Landscape Conservation in Africa**

Discussion will focus on identifying key elements of approaches to advance large landscape conservation in Africa that benefits nature and people

4:00 – 4:45 pm

### **Discussion of Next Steps**

*Peter Fearnhead, H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn Boshe, Rob Walton, and Sen. Chris Coons*

*Facilitator: Barry Gold, Consultant, Rob & Melani Walton Foundation*

4:45 – 5:00 pm

### **Day One Concluding Thoughts and Day Two Preview**

*Facilitator: Barry Gold, Consultant, Rob & Melani Walton Foundation*

5:00 – 6:30 pm

### **Executive Time**

6:30 – 7:00 pm

### **Reception**

*Atrium, Main House*

7:00 – 8:15 pm

**Dinner***Upper Terrace, Main House***Saturday, March 12**

8:00 – 9:00 am

**Breakfast Buffet***Upper Terrace, Main House*

9:00 – 9:15 am

**Day One Summary, Review Goals for Day Two  
Overview Activities and Logistics***Barry Gold, Consultant, Rob & Melani Walton Foundation*

Explore Africa in the context of global efforts to leverage nature-based solutions for climate change mitigation. Africa's immense natural capital offers critical opportunities for nature-based solutions to climate but also some of the greatest challenges.

9:15 – 9:45 am

**Discussion: Exploring Pathways for Large Landscape  
Conservation in Africa (continued)***Facilitator: Barry Gold, Consultant, Rob & Melani Walton Foundation*

- Overnight reflections on what could be key elements to advance large landscape conservation in Africa that benefits nature and people
- What are the challenges and opportunities to each?

9:45 – 10:00 am

**Keynote Address***Dr. John Tobin de la Puente, Professor of Practice of Corporate Sustainability, Cornell University and Co-Founder Coalition for Private Investment in Conservation (CPIC)***Conservation finance: Rationale, obstacles, and potential to  
provide long-term support**Objectives:

- Provide an overview of conservation finance mechanisms, both established and emerging
- Discuss the potential of private, return-seeking capital in conservation funding
- Highlight the importance of metrics that are verifiable comparable and auditable
- Consider the conditions that may support conservation finance at scale in Africa

10:00 – 10:30 am

**Ten-Minute Interviews***Facilitator: Barry Gold, Consultant, Rob & Melani Walton Foundation*

Duko Hopman, Co-Founder and Co-Leader of McKinsey's Nature

### Analytics group

- Monetizing biodiversity and other nature-based solutions – what are the key short- and medium-term opportunities?

Mark Opel, Consultant - Conservation Finance

- The development of the Legacy Landscapes Fund as an example of a public-private partnership. What did you find in your research? What are the key pillars of the model and where does that stand now? What do you see as the most promising opportunities for increasing long-term funding for protected areas in Africa?

10:30 – 11:30 am **Facilitated Discussion**

*Facilitator: Barry Gold, Consultant, Rob & Melani Walton Foundation*

- What are your reactions to the main themes of these discussions?
- What are your thoughts on next steps?

11:30 – 11:45 am **Summarize Key Innovative Mechanisms to Scale and Amplify the Impact of Protected Areas in Africa and Identify Next Steps**

*Facilitator: Barry Gold, Consultant, Rob & Melani Walton Foundation*

11:45 am **Closing Remarks**

*Peter Fearnhead, CEO African Parks*

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch**  
*Upper Terrace, Main House*

1:00 pm **Retreat Adjourns and Anna Yelverton Departs Sunnylands**

**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM**

## SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

*(to be completed by each additional sponsor)*

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the March 10, 2022 trip  
to Sunnylands in Rancho Mirage, CA *Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)*  
*Place of Travel* is true, complete, and correct.

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Cynthia C. Kennard

Name and Title: Cynthia Kennard, Executive Director

Name of Organization: Annenberg Foundation

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**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM**

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): African Parks; The Annenberg Foundation;  
The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnyslans ("Sunnyslans")
2. Description of the trip: Invitation to travel to Rancho Mirage to participate in a 2.5 day convening entitled  
Future of Africa's Protected Areas in Addressing the Climate and Biodiversity Crises
3. Dates of travel: March 10-12, 2022
4. Place of travel: Rancho Mirage, CA
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: U.S. Senator Chris Coons; Anna Yelverton, Dep. Leg. Director- Coons
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:  
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.  
- OR -  
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  
- AND -  
☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:  
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.  
- AND -  
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

**9. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

**10. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

See Attached.

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13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

See Attached.

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14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

See Attached.

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15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

See Attached.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	Total: \$717  \$522.52 cost for one-way flight	\$768	\$211	None
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$195 for ground transportation			

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This trip involves an event that would proceed without regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

This historic estate was left in "trust" to be the location of the convenings described above. It is no longer a private residence for use, rather a venue to facilitate Sunnylands' goals, per above.

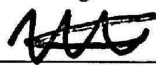
19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Omni Rancho Las Palmas, Rancho Mirage, CA

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Lodging close to meeting venue. All convening support staff to be placed at the Omni Rancho Las Palmas.



21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:  
See Attached.
22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:  
One-way coach class airfare; Ground transportation is a private car service.
23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).
24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:  
None.
25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):
- Signature of Travel Sponsor: Marisa Luzzatto 
- Name and Title: Director of Retreat Operations and Special Programs
- Name of Organization: The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands
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